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AMENDMENT WITH R.C.E.

Dear Examiner:

Before considering the instant application, please make the following amendments and consider the following remarks, which are in response to the Final Office Action mailed on June 12, 2001. A petition for a two (2) month extension of time is attached.

In The Claims

Please amend the *EXISTING* claims to read as follows:

8. (Once Amended) A safe container, comprising:

a semi-permeable container having a polymeric external surface; and a metallic layer bonded, without adhesive, to the external surface.

22. (Once Amended) A method comprising:

obtaining a semi-permeable container having an external surface and having a metallic layer bonded directly, without adhesive, to the external surface; and

coupling a printed layer to the metallic layer.

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